

# The Rec-Connection

April 2004



“No one hates their own body, but lovingly cares for it, just as Christ cares for his. As we are his body.” Ephesians 5: 29 & 30

## The Mouth Speaks!

What is it about competition that fuels so many of us? That drives us to succeed, push ourselves beyond our limits, reach for glory...and become total jerks.



That's how it is for so many. Competition becomes not fuel for the soul, but gas on a fire. Anyone involved in recreation has seen it; the eruption over the bad call, amount of playing time, or thrown elbow. Matthew 12:34 tells that "...out of an overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks." Athletics and competition in general will bring our true selves to the surface. The masks we wear during the day are removed and we are exposed as who we really are. What masks do you wear? What lies in your heart? If you are one of those people that explodes on the playing surface, maybe you need to examine what is in your heart. If your heart is filled with bitterness and anger, it won't take long for that show up. Athletics can be a time of great fellowship, or great disaster. Christians are called to a higher standard, so let us not turn the outreach of recreation into any more examples of hypocritical Christians.

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## Featured Programs

### Ballroom Dancing Lessons

*If your idea of cutting a rug involves scissors, then you need to join us April 23rd and April 30th, from 7-9pm.*

*"Jack's Ballroom" will be teaching the Waltz and The Latin on April 23rd and the Fox Trot and Swing on April 30th. Cost is \$35 per couple per night. Whether you sign up for both or just one, you'll be guaranteed a great time.*

### Baseball & Softball Clinic

*Baseball & Softball Players & Parents...Join us for this two-hour clinic, presented by CUMC member Rick Wright, to learn drills that will help develop skills in hitting, fielding, and throwing. Rick has over twenty years of experience in conducting baseball and softball clinics and camps, and was one of the top-rated instructors for the Doyle Baseball and Softball School in Florida, the largest instructional program in the country. Ages 7+ May 2nd, 1-3pm at the CLC. \$10 fee.*

### National Scrapbooking Day

*You may not have known it but May 1st is National Scrapbooking Day! Friday, April 30th and Saturday, May 1st the CLC will be offering dedicated Scrapbooking time in the LOFT and in s126. Your small fee guarantees you table space and meals if you want them. Stop by the CLC today for more information.*

## Upcoming Events

<b>Ballroom Dancing</b>	<b>April 23 &amp; 30</b>
<b>Scrapbooking Day</b>	<b>April 30 &amp; May 1</b>
<b>Baseball &amp; Softball Clinic</b>	<b>May 2</b>
<b>Rough Riders Trip</b>	<b>May 8</b>
<b>Fishing Derby &amp; Fish Fry</b>	<b>May 29</b>

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